



# *Milwaukee County*

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## **SCOTT WALKER FAVORS MISINFORMATION WHILE TREATING SOME EMPLOYEES AS SECOND-CLASS CITIZENS**

*Override vote Wednesday on domestic partner benefits study*

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Chris Larson released the following statement in response to County Executive Walker's veto of a domestic partner benefit study:

"Like other governments as well as private-sector employers, we must make sure that all employees are treated fairly. We must not treat certain individuals as second-class citizens. County Board passage of this resolution was an important first step in getting on the right side of history, and I applaud my colleagues for adopting the resolution calling for a study.

"Unfortunately, the County Executive has launched a misinformation campaign to associate an inflated price tag while trying to blend the topic with the battle over the 2010 budget. These are separate issues, and the figures quoted by Walker and most recently in robocalls from the group 'Wisconsin Family Action' incorrectly assume a very high rate of usage. This type of cocktail napkin math is why a credible study is so badly needed.

"This legislation must pass, and that is why I will fight to make sure this veto is overridden. Scott Walker and others are trying their best to misinform the public about what this legislation does. It is essential that the public be properly informed to stand up against this misinformation campaign."

*The resolution, approved by the Board on a 13-6 vote last week, calls for County staff to draft revisions to extend health benefit coverage to domestic partners of eligible Milwaukee County employees and submit a final plan to the Personnel Committee and the Finance & Audit Committee no later than July 1, 2010. The item will likely come up for an override vote Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. in Room 200 of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.*

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